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SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

We are still working on building that section of roadway from M.P. 1.8 to M.P. 2.2, we already have subgrade ready for the next two layers of rock. Hopefully this will soon be ready for asphalt. And speaking of asphalt today we are paving Galloway Road with the first lift of asphalt. What great weather for paving, it's like the middle of July. The paving subcontractor is Road and Driveways out of Lincoln City and Newport with the asphalt mix for this project coming from Lincoln City. Progress is going well and by tonight nearly all of Galloway Road will be paved to a good ride.

We are stopping the paving short of the park and yes this means a section of the road, a very short section will remain gravel. Why you might ask, well some concerns have been raised whether the wall is moving. We had expected some movement as the boulders settle in and find their position to bear the weight of the upper boulders, but maybe something else is going on. So rather than guess or give it the eyeball evaluation we are monitoring the wall for change. The data will be analyzed and when determined the wall is fine and no additional work is required, we can have the contractor finish paving.

On Monday you might wonder why in the world are these people making holes in the pavement, are they planting pothole seeds so the road will start having potholes. Well the answer is no, the holes are being cut to remove a 6-inch diameter plug of new asphalt to determine the quality of the asphalt. This is the only method that assures everyone that the product the taxpayer is paying for is up to specification both in mix and installation.

Another area you may see work this coming week is from the Three Capes Intersection south towards the Sandlake Store. The contractor is hoping to get this last portion ready for pavement. So you might see flaggers at two locations on Sandlake Road.

On Monday Astrid Gray our Assistant Project Engineer arrived back on the project. She was here last year and was re-assigned for the winter to design position in Vancouver.

* * EXPECT 30 MINUTE DELAYS IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL 6:30 AM in the morning to 6:00 PM in the evening

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